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Introduction.

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The following essay represents an appreciation of the process of Bolshevization of Lithuania during the period of Soviet occupation since 1945. This appreciation is by the Lithuanian patriots who live under the Soviet regime, witness from day to day its ever deepening penetration, and try with all their might at least to delay the deadly progress of subjugation of the country and of the nation. The efforts of the patriots to arrest or to delay the process of Sovietization may not be spectacular, but they do what they can to preserve the national consciousness of their compatriots in order that it should be able to assert itself with all its power when the time comes. They believe that the days of Free Lithuania are not so far distant and only this belief helps them to maintain their ranks in an otherwise hopeless struggle.

1. Seven years have now passed since Lithuania was re-occupied by the Russians - this is sufficient a period of time to allow for the drawing of certain conclusions regarding the Bolshevik overlordship of the country.
2. The aim of this essay will be to outline the substance of Bolshevik dictatorship by identifying its objects and its methods as directed against the national conscience of the Lithuanian nation and against the desires of the people to be truly independent. In other words, against those ideals for which the best sons and daughters of the nation fought and died.

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3. Concurrently, another object of this analysis will be to depict the danger which threatens the Lithuanian nation in the event of a protracted Bolshevik occupation.

Planned Coordination of the Use of Propaganda and Use of Force.

4. The substance of Bolshevik dictatorship in Lithuania manifests itself in the concrete form of a planned coordination of the use of Communist propaganda and the use of force. This combination embraces the broad spheres of the population, particularly the poor, the farm laborers and the town proletariat, drawing them into the Communist Party and to the administrative and State apparatus. By the use of force (arrests and deportations), the Bolsheviks isolate the most active elements of the Lithuanian nation, i.e., the intellectuals who are faithful to their national traditions, and the wealthier farmers. By means of propaganda and the granting of concessions (monetary rewards, decorations, various privileges), they recruit servants faithful to them from among the peasants and factory workers.
5. Being sufficiently realistic and consistent and having an acute appreciation of the psychology of the masses, the Bolsheviks have latterly begun to make less use of the methods of force and have primarily concentrated their interests on the so-called "economically organizational and culturally educational" spheres. This means, in essence, an intensive indoctrination of the broad masses of the population with Communist ideas and philosophy. Figuratively speaking, this is nothing other than the moral poisoning of the nation.

Artificial "Differentiations" and "Moral Poisoning".

6. At the present time such tactics create artificial "differentiations" among the Lithuanian people. Up to the present, every genuine Lithuanian has known that the people of his land are members of a nation whose supreme object has been the achievement of state and national independence. Now, however, one section of the nation is artificially antagonized toward the other. The well-known formula of Bolshevik "class antagonism" is perfected, thus trampling under foot the old principles of Christian morality. Currying favor with the basest instincts of the poorer-class masses, the Bolsheviks deceive them and then effect a division of national unity which, in its turn, can lead only to the destruction of the Lithuanian nation. Notwithstanding the healthy instinct of our folk, which obstinately resists the intrusion of such "Communist morals", one, nevertheless, sees more and more frequently how this "moral poison" systematically infiltrates into the minds of the uneducated peasants and, more particularly, into the minds of the town workers.
7. The Bolsheviks spare neither effort nor money to make more effective any means which assists them to carry out the policy of "differentiation". Radio, literature, schools, newspapers, lectures, etc., all serve toward the achievement of this purpose.
8. As far as national "differentiation" is concerned, the position of the Lithuanian nation is as follows: the most active and purposeful element of our nation (at present constituting only a minority) is repressed or artificially isolated by the exclusion of true patriots from leading positions. The most numerous element of the population,

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intimidated by the repressive methods of the Bolsheviks, either remains inert or endeavors to fall into line. Finally, although again only in a minority, is that element which comprises the faithful servants of the Bolsheviks, which is drawn from the poorer classes and which comes more and more within the sphere of Bolshevik influence.

9. A similar political result or consequence is to be seen in another "differentiation" among the Lithuanians, to wit, in the family circle. The younger generation, attracted by a variety of Communist bait (sport, education, excursions to Moscow and Leningrad, freedom to choose various professions previously difficult to enter), finds that its interests conflict with the interests of the older generation which defends the true national and religious Lithuanian traditions. The youths, whom the Bolsheviks tempt by a variety of means, not infrequently succumb to the temptation, join the Communist Youth, break contacts with the old religious traditions, and in this way in course of time become, if not potential Communists, then at least supporters of the Regime. It is self-evident that the majority of such youngsters emanate from the poorer classes, for whom the Bolsheviks create conditions for education and for successful entry into social-political life. Former wealthy families, naturally, do not enjoy these privileges.

Liquidation of the Remnants of the Bourgeois Capitalist Ideas.

10. The Premier of the puppet Lithuanian Government, Mecys Gedvila, at the 11th Plenum of the Lithuanian Communist Party had summarized the principles of this policy in the following words: "The speedy liquidation of the remnants of the bourgeois capitalist order lingering in the minds of the people".
11. The Bolshevik dictatorship has, thus, at the present time transferred its main weight from the methods of force to a comprehensively organized and tolerably regularized permanence of Bolshevik propaganda. At the same time it mercilessly destroys the old religious and national traditions of Lithuania.
12. For this purpose all means are used, beginning from naked propaganda and taking in all aspects of life up to and including the use of economic pressure and agricultural reforms within the country.
13. Adhering to the principle of their own dictatorial regime, "he who is not with us is against us", and viewing with deep mistrust all those who are indifferent in their political views, the Bolsheviks force everyone to dance to the Communist tune and in this way they endeavor to achieve the psychological breakdown of the masses, to their own advantage. Up to now, they have not been successful in this on a mass scale; it is, however, quite clear that in the course of time they may well achieve results favorable to them. The poorer classes particularly (and they constitute the overwhelming majority in Lithuania at present), succumb easily to Bolshevik temptations, which manifest themselves not only in the form of propaganda and empty words but quite often represent concrete material gains.
14. If a swineherd, milkmaid, or stablehand can obtain the very highest Government award, "Order of Lenin" and the gold "Hero of Labor" star, which bring financial awards and other benefits (free journeys on railways and buses, reserved seats in cinemas and theaters, various

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advantages in obtaining entry to educational establishments or the Civil Service, release from taxes, etc.), then this must clearly have a great effect upon the attitude of the common man. When a swineherd is put on the same level as a general (all socialist Heroes of Labor and Heroes of the Soviet Union are treated on a level with high military officers of at least major-general rank during official receptions and celebrations), it follows that he becomes a subservient and faithful tool in the hands of the Bolsheviks. In Lithuania there are already a few dozen of these "cow and pig generals", not counting Heroes of the Soviet Union. Add to this the Stalin Prize Laureates (this is a cunning ideological trap for intellectuals and technically qualified work personnel), various excursions to Moscow, Leningrad, and to the "millionaire" kolkhozy, and other propaganda tricks, and it can then be seen how cleverly the Bolsheviks operate, how imperceptibly they worm their way into the souls of the common, uneducated people and force them to work for their benefit.

15. These and similar examples have their effect upon others who nurture the thought that even if one cannot become a "pig general" then, at the very least, a financial prize is not beyond reach. It is really painful, infuriating, and at the same time laughable when one sees how, with the help of this bare-faced demagogy, the Bolsheviks apply their dictatorship.

And the Future?

16. Against this machine, which is guarded by the gigantic and almighty "Chekists," the Lithuanian nation can put forward only passive resistance, underground activity, and the partisan movement, the latter of which is being ever more and more squeezed in the iron vice of the MGB. If these conditions continue for a further lengthy period, the Lithuanian nation may, in the event of a world armed conflict coming at a distant date, be already so far "differentiated" that civil war and fratricide would be the result. The Lithuanian nation, having been left to its own fate, without any support from the free world, could not be expected to escape the ugly consequences of being treated with systematic and carefully planned Communist poison. The Lithuanian nation, having done the maximum possible under the circumstances in its fight against the occupants, would be able to say in the words of Horace: "Feci quod potui faciant meliore potentes".

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